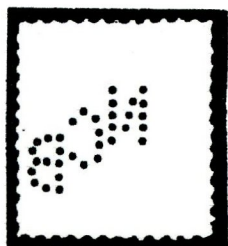


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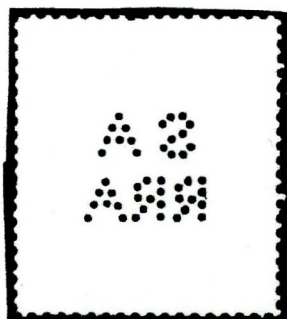
by: Laura and Agustin Cantens.

Perfins from Cuba? Yes, they do exist. Recently we have located two Cuban stamps that are perforated with different letters. One shows N/C/B and the other SA/RRA. The big questions now are: 1) What do these letters stand for? 2) What organizations utilized these perfins? and 3) When and were they used and the reason?

The stamps on which these perforated initials have been found are: N/C/B on the 10c Estrada Palma brown, typr of 1917 issue (Scott 307), and the SA/RRA on the 3c dark brown (Mangos de Baragua) Scott 312.



On the 10c Estrada Palma stamp all the letters are 5 holes in height, with the holes having a diameter of 1 millimeter. Each letter is about 7 mm. high, and 4 mm. wide and are diagonal up.



On the 3c Mangos stamp the letters are 4 holes in height, with the diameter on the holes being 1 mm. The letters are about 5 mm high and 4 mm wide. The distance between the S and A is 2 mm, and the distance between the R's and the A are 1 mm each. It seems to us that SA/RRA stands for a well known name in Pre-Castro's Cuba. Sarra was the name of a big drug wholesale and retail firm in Havana.

Perfins are normally applied to stamps to discourage theft, with agreement with the Post Office concerned. They are only usable on material mailed by the person or firm whom the initials represent. While uninformed collectors whose interest lies only in stamps, discard a perfin as a "damage" stamp, these unusual items find a very warm welcome whenever they fall into the hands of a specialist collector.

Not all perforated stamps are true perfins in the philatelic sense and perforating machines are sometimes used to cancel stamps used on documents for revenue purposes.

We hope that some member will be able to help us identify the subjects mentioned in this article. If you have ever seen a similar item, or can identify the letters, please contact us with the details.

A CALL FROM THE PRESIDENT FOR NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS:

To assure that all who would like to serve the Group have an opportunity to become candidates for Directors, nominations for those to serve 1973-1974 are to come from the members at large. Members are invited to mail the names of those they desire to nominate, to the Nominations Chairman Mr. GERARDO ALVAREZ, 4855 S.W. 94th Avenue, Miami, Florida by January, 31st, 1973.

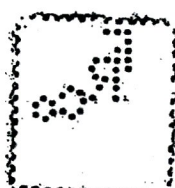
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| (1) - EL/SOL on 265 and 421 | (7) SA/RRA on 264, 268, 270, |
| (2) - C A or A C on 310 | 309, RA 10, C5, |
| (3) - Dum on 253 | (8) BNC on 254, 257 |
| (4) - R V/&/ Co. on 307, 308, | (9) N/C/B on 275, 309, |
| 310, 357, 359, C5, C7. | (10) - CTC on 265, |
| (5) - S/E/C on 268, 307 | (11) - F/R/Co on 265, 268 |
| (6) - G E on 362, RA 6, | (12) - P D on 357 |



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Our thanks to William McP. Jones, Fausto R. Garcia and Rudolph J. Roy, who help with some of the data herein provided.

If there is anyone else who has new info that he can provide, please write to us so that we can include it in a future article.

CLUB DONATION MAIL SALE---

Dr. Roberto M. Rosende wrote suggesting that the Club hold an Annual Donation Club Sale by Mail. Within the next few weeks, we will appoint the Director of Club Sales who will be in charge of such Donation Sales. We need many lots, so please go immediately to your stock books and dig out and send some sets of stamps or covers (worth at least \$1.00 or more, preferably more) N O W!

If 150 members each contributed in this manner, we could keep the annual dues where they are. But it takes cooperation - your cooperation. So send your donations to the Club Sales Director, c/o Cuban Philatelic Club, P. O. Box 55, Shenandoah Station, Miami, Florida 33145 as soon as possible.

A list of what has been received is to appear in the July issue of the Journal, so you can also bid on some of the very worthwhile material we are to receive. Any material, any country, will be acceptable for this Annual Club Sale.